Minutes of the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library

Date: June 22, 2016.

Present: Nancy Axelson, Judy Haskell, Lisa Hayes, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Jane Shanahan, and Barbara Tosiano.

Discussed:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved

2. Treasurer’s Report - $2787.91

3. Summer Reading Program:
   - Fitbit was purchased for the children’s program.
   - A vote was taken and approved to purchase a $100 gift certificate from Applecrest for the adult reading program.

4. Museum Membership:
   - We received the Peabody Essex Museum membership
   - Discussed and voted to add a membership to Strawbery Banke. The cost is $150 for one pass for a family
   - The pass includes the Candlelight Stroll and the Halloween event.

5. Chili Cook off Fundraiser:
   - Possible dates: October 14 or 15
   - May want to charge an entry fee, ex. $5.00
   - Possible prizes: Denim apron, ride in a HF fire truck (if okay with Jay Lord), gift certificate to Chili’s restaurant in Seabrook (owned by HF family), fire extinguisher
   - Possible categories: hottest, most unusual ingredient, vegetarian, youngest cook

6. Ballroom Dancing Fundraiser:
   - Possible date of November 12, need to confirm

7. Microphone update:
   - Donna has researched this and will order it.

8. Flatbread Pizza fundraiser:
   - The raffle netted $100.00. Rest of fundraiser hasn’t been calculated by Flatbread yet.

9. Poster for the Friends’ Bulletin Board:
• Stacy created a nice flyer and Jane will ask her to add the Peabody Essex Museum.

10. Hampton Falls Living Magazine article:
• Sheila wrote a nice article about the Friends and a few suggestions were made by the Friends.

11. Poker Room Update:
• Alisha has made contact with the Poker Room.
• Nancy gave her an article about other gaming locations in the state.

12. Election of Officers:
• Co-chairs – Jane and Judy if Sheila is not able to continue in this role.
• Vice Chair – Lisa
• Treasurer – Alisha
• Secretary – Deborah

13. Upcoming Library Programs, presented by Barbara:
• Sally Mummey, acting as Mary Todd Lincoln, partly funded by the NH Humanities Council, scheduled for February 21, 2017.
• The Friends approved $100 for this program.
• Preston Heller – mind reader, mentalist, asks for a $150.00 donation to a food pantry. Friends approved and Barbara will contact him about a late March/early April date, possibly April 4.

14. With so many events already scheduled, we discussed creating a laminated book mark to advertise them.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m. Note that there will not be a meeting in July.

Action items:

1. Alisha will get a $100 gift certificate to Applecrest for the winner of the summer adult reading program.
2. Jane will contact Stacy about adding the membership of the Peabody Essex Museum to the poster she has created.
3. Alisha will contact Jay Lord about holding the Chili Cook off on October 14 or 15 and ask about a prize of a ride in the fire truck.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Regan, Secretary